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Title: Need to provide modern health care services in Hospitals situated in the tea estates of Assam.

SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL (DIBRUGARH): Diarrhoea and Gastroenteritis have affected more than 5000 families all over the state of Assam. There are reports of more than 100 deaths in the tea garden areas of Assam. In most of the areas Diarrhoea and Gastroenteritis have reached epidemic form in the recent days. The state of affairs has been continuing every year.

Earlier the Government of India declared 'Health for All' by 2000. Unfortunately, the slogan for health care services remained only in the newspapers, most particularly in Assam. The tea garden hospitals are not under the purview of the State Government.

I urge upon the Hon'ble Health Minister to urgently look into the matter and initiate steps to bring the hospitals in the tea garden areas under one umbrella so that these unfortunate people get modern health care services and pure drinking water facilities in these days of globalized health care services to each and every human being all throughout the world as propagated by the WHO.